

SENATE BILL 679

By Reeves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and
Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to certified
medical assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-244(i)(2), is amended by
deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(2) In exercising the authority to administer medications pursuant to a
physician's or licensed nurse's delegation, a certified medical assistant may administer
or prepare only those medications that have been ordered by an authorized healthcare
provider and are consistent with the policies and procedures of the applicable facility
licensed under this part. Such medications include the following categories:

- (A) Single dose intramuscular or subcutaneous medications;
- (B) Vaccines from single or multi-dose vials or packaging;
- (C) Oral, sublingual, and buccal medications;
- (D) Topical creams and ointments;
- (E) Saline solutions for simple irrigation;
- (F) Eye drops;
- (G) Inhalation treatments, either metered hand-held inhalants or unit
dose nebulizers;
- (H) Ear medications;
- (I) Nasal medications;
- (J) Rectal medications; or

(K) Medications prepared by the certified medical assistant for administration by the provider.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-244(j), is amended by deleting "shall not delegate to a certified medical assistant the administration of" and substituting "shall not delegate to a certified medical assistant the administration or preparation of".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-244(j)(10), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

A medication or vaccination requiring calculation of dosage;

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.